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State Department press spokesman Richard I. Phillips
 volunteered fol statement Feb 18 re Section 620 (a) (3)
 of Foreign Assistance Act.

QUOTE All governments receiving United States aid
 which could be affected by this statute were informed of
 its provisions shortly after passage of Foreign Assistance
 Act in December. Legislation provides that with certain
 exceptions no funds available under Act shall be used to
 furnish assistance to any country that has not taken
 appropriate steps by February 14 to prevent its ships
 and aircraft from carrying any equipment, materials or
 commodities to and from Cuba. These provisions are
 subject to exercise by President of his special

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authority under Section 614 (a).

QUOTE We have concluded that, except for Governments of United Kingdom, France, Yugoslavia, Spain and Morocco, all aid-recipient governments which could be affected by statute had taken BEGIN INNER QUOTE appropriate steps END INNER QUOTE by February 14.

QUOTE With respect to United Kingdom, France and Yugoslavia, the very small residual military training and sales arrangements involved are being terminated.

QUOTE With respect to Spain and Morocco, we are the seeking from/two governments further clarification of steps which they have taken, in order to establish whether they are BEGIN INNER QUOTE appropriate END INNER QUOTE within meaning of statute.

QUOTE Meanwhile, except as authorized by Section 617 of the statute, no new obligations of funds authorized under FAA are being entered into. END QUOTE.

In q and a spokesman said aid to Am schools and hospitals abroad, Eximbank, PL 480 and Peace Corps are not affected. Also stated that Section 617 provides for orderly windup of programs required to be terminated. ~~END~~

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Spokesman also said info on cutoff had been transmitted to Congress, and that no further details would be available to press until Dept officials explained further to Congressional committees.

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